

## ABSTRACT

A DEVICE FOR AND A METHOD OF MILKING AN ANIMAL, A DEVICE FOR  
MONITORING AN ANIMAL

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A device for milking an animal, in particular a  
cow. The device is provided with a stress measuring device  
for determining the degree of stress of the animal and for  
supplying stress measurement data to a storage device for  
10 storing stress measurement data. The device is adapted to  
store stress measurement data before and during milking. A  
device for monitoring an animal, in particular a cow. The  
device comprises a stress measuring device for determining  
stress of the animal. The stress measuring device comprises a  
15 device selected from the group consisting of an infrared  
meter for measuring an infrared image of the animal, a  
hygrometer for determining for determining the humidity of  
the fur respectively the nose of the animal, an iris scanner  
for determining the eye characteristics of the animal, a  
20 smell or odour meter for determining the breath or body odour  
of the animal, a muscular tension measuring device for  
determining the muscular tension of the animal, an excrement  
analysing device for determining the characteristics of the  
excrement of the animal, a muscle vibration meter for  
25 determining the muscle vibrations of the animal. A method of  
milking an animal, in particular a cow. The method comprises  
the step of determining stress of the animal before and  
during milking.

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(Figure 1)